

**MICHIGAN LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS & SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes of Monday, September 22, 2008
Detroit Wayne County Long-Term Care Connection
Detroit, Michigan

I. 10:00 A.M. to Noon – Detroit Special Public Input Session

The following citizens addressed the Commission:

- Kay Andrzejak, DHS-Wayne Redford – Discussed collaboration with the Department of Human Services and the need more home & community based services.
- Lisa Boyd, a provider, Westland – Described people admitted to skilled nursing facility for short term rehabilitation who have Medicare/Medicaid. Most have to pay patient pay amount and are then losing housing. Is there a way to waive their patient pay amount? Sarah Slocum referenced a new Medicaid policy that addresses this issue, and hopefully will be implemented soon.
- Ann Randolph, a caregiver/advocate, Trenton – Described the need for help as a back up for care giving in the home. If something was to happen with a caregiver, what would happen; there is a need support and safety net.
- Harriet Carter, Detroit, is caregiver for her father and has concerns about financial future and finding resources.
- Carrie Harnish, Executive Director, Bridging Communities, Inc., Detroit – Supports elders to remain in homes of choice & community based services (provided written testimony).
- Mike Simowski, a provider, Detroit – Henry Ford Hospital PACE services and the Center for Senior Independence. Asks that we take a look at what PACE does.
- Randy Block, Detroit Wayne County Long-Term Care Connection – Described how long-term care options counseling can make a big difference in people's lives.
- Satrice Coleman-Betts, a provider, St. Patrick's Senior Center, Detroit – The Center serves approximately 2,000 seniors a year. Ms. Coleman-Betts described how assisted living consumers cannot afford private pay and asked if there are other options because these folks do not need to go to a nursing home (affordable alternatives to adult day care and nursing homes).
- Marti Waters, a provider/advocate/DWCLTCC options counselor – Described how she assisted a long-term care consumer in a wheelchair to find senior housing that was affordable and clean.
- Nabiha Rizk, DWCLTCC options counselor – Spoke about two consumers; DAAA & LTCC transitioned home; both were MI Choice Waiver Program.
- Edgardo Nieves, case manager at Wellness Network, Inc., Detroit – DAAA & LTCC provided services to elderly couple; appreciated the help from both entities.
- Stephanie Donaldson, a caregiver/advocate, Detroit – Described an 89 year old female resident of Detroit who has too much income for waiver program and doesn't qualify for NH care. What happens to those who do not qualify? Options are not available.
- Karen Schrock, President & CEO, Adult Well-Being Services, Detroit – She urges Commission to recommend increases in funding for long-term care priorities (provided written testimony).

II. 1:00 P.M. – Organizing Ourselves

A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Robert Allison
RoAnne Chaney-Secretary
Linda Ewing
Andrew Farmer-Chair
Connie Fuller
Dohn Hoyle
Yolanda McKinney

Denise Rabidoux
Hollis Turnham-Vice Chair
Reverend Charles Williams II
Toni Wilson
*Excused: Christine Chesny, William Gutos,
Marsha Moers, Jon Reardon
Absent: William Mania*

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Barbara Anders for DHS Director Ahmed
Peggy Brey for DCH Director Olszewski
Sharon Gire, Director, Office of Services to the Aging (by phone)
Sarah Slocum, State LTC Ombudsman
*Excused: Mary Ablan, Area Agencies on Aging Assoc. of Michigan
Absent: DLEG*

Office of Long-Term Care Supports & Services Staff Present:

Peggy Brey	Nora Barkey	Pam McNab
Jane Alexander	Gloria Lanum	Tari Muniz

B. Review & Approval of July Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Hoyle, seconded by Commissioner Ewing, to approve the July minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

C. Review & Approval of September Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Hoyle, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. What Else is Happening

A. Governor's FY 2010 Budget Development Briefing – *Susan Kangas, Deputy Director, Operations Administration, Department of Community Health*

Ms. Kangas explained the hand out on highlights of FY 2009 budget for nursing homes, home & community based waiver program, and PACE program. The department is actively working on current services baseline requests to the State Budget Office that tells how much money is needed to continue current programs under current policies. This is due in October. A second deadline is submitting proposals for change/enhancements to programs due November 17, 2008. The proposals for change should focus on reducing agency cost, while adjusting the impact of the change on the core mission and budget priorities of the department. Also, new this year, proposals for change must contain program outcome indicators that reflect what can be achieved as a result of the proposal. In addition, proposals for change should reinforce or implement priorities consistent with the Governor's cabinet strategic planning initiative. Negotiations with the SBO to see what can get built into the budget will take place in January 2009.

B. OLTCSS Update: Activities & Strategic Planning – *Director Brey and OLTCSS Staff*

Ms. Brey briefly discussed the organization description of the four main sections within the Office; Administration, Evaluation and Quality Improvement Section, Long-Term Care System Transformation Section, and the Data Investigation and Analysis Section.

Ms. Nora Barkey provided an update on the System Transformation Section. Ms. Barkey reviewed the LTC Task Force Vision and the Office charge pursuant to the Executive Order. The process begun by the Office is to look at the task force recommendations, the benchmarks, and then identify the status of activities. Most of the Office is funded by grants which are in line with the task force recommendations. The Office will continue to exchange information with the workgroups for feedback and action to ensure a common understanding of where we are going.

Ms. Pamela McNab presented an update on Michigan's Long-Term Care Connections. Milestones were reviewed and statistics were provided through August 2008. Discussion continued about developing a quality management plan. The first step is finding out what is currently being done, and to know what the Long-Term Care Connections are doing. This process will also identify the strengths and weaknesses in the service system. The next step is to define a minimal level of performance expectations (operating standards) based on requirements or expected performance outcomes. The final step is to develop a written quality management plan to include goals, timeframes, quality indicators for maintaining and improving quality, formal monitoring, reporting, and evaluation of outcomes, etc. Updates on the quality management plan and activities being pursued will be provided at future meetings.

C. Brief Commission Focus Group Session on Future State Budget Advocacy Scope and Consensus Areas – *See Discussion Points document in pre-meeting packet emailed*

Commissioner Turnham led the members on the budget advocacy discussion points. The conversation began with the charge of advocacy the Governor gave when creating the Commission, particularly budget advocacy efforts that support the Task Force recommendations and the array of LTC supports and services. Discussion continued on what this role might entail, and to assist the Commission to establish the framing, scale, and scope of its budget advocacy efforts. Commissioner Turnham asked what other ideas are possible and appropriate for needed LTC supports and services funding.

Members provided the following possible additional sources of funding:

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| ■ Keep QAAP entirely - all FMAP | ■ Statewide trust for LTC |
| ■ HCBS patient pay | ■ Recalculate federal MAP based VEBA |
| ■ Re-examine sr. tax breaks | ■ VT model increase private rooms – savings back to HCBS |
| ■ Casino tax | ■ Private pay buy-in |
| ■ Revise PASSAR | ■ Estate preservation |
| ■ \$ people/prisons | ■ Keep estate recovery \$ |
| ■ Pretax (IRA) | ■ Entertainment tax |
| ■ Examine tax expenditures | ■ State LTC insurance |
| ■ Flat tax vs. progressive tax | Explore less passive advocacy tactics: |
| ■ MET style program @ LTC | - Legislator targeting (newly elected, education) |
| | - Administration targeting (Office of Management and Budget) |

Commissioner Turnham confirmed that members decided to focus more broadly to areas of LTC beyond the realm of expertise of the Commission. Also, to answer how should the Commission efforts be framed and timed, it seems that a plan is in place both in terms of what revenue sources to look at and developing relationships with the Office, department budget folks, and maybe with Mr. Chuck Overbey to better gather information. Commissioner Hoyle stated that the framing of advocacy efforts has to stay grounded and focused on the charge. In terms of timing, Commissioner Turnham said this would be based on what the department's internal timing is. In terms of implementation, in the past the Commission has sent letters to the legislature. The Commission needs to decide whether non-passive activities should also be explored to tell the story and how others share the same values.

Sarah Slocum asked the Commission start thinking now about the public appropriation hearings that will start in April, and stated she will testify and asked Commissioners to make a similar commitment and bring along with them a direct care worker, or a person who receives in home services, etc. who may have a different story.

IV. Next Steps & Assignments

A. Discussion, Action and Assignments regarding Next Steps on Commission State Budget Advocacy

The next step is to group the ideas into major themes before exploring. Discussion will continue at the November meeting about the state budget and LTC services.

B. Discussion & Action regarding Public Comment

Commissioner Turnham was concerned about the point that was made that people would lose their housing because they are paying their patient pay amount, and suggested that if it's not resolved by November that she would like to hear why. Sarah Slocum volunteered to work with the Executive Committee on where Medicaid is with the policy. Commissioner McKinney is concerned about those who are \$1 or \$2 over the Medicaid threshold amount and the need to help that group.

C. Discussion & Action regarding OLTCCS Activities

While Commissioner Turnham agrees that the evaluation process be focused on consumer interest, she urges the Office to add to the evaluation the perspective of all the providers involved.

D. Workgroups Announcements, Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Quality Management – next meeting is October 23 in Lansing from 1:00-3:00.
- Workforce Development – next meeting is Wednesday morning at the Tri-County Office on Aging, and the CNA training enhancement project meeting in the afternoon.
- PCP Workgroup – October 22, Arc Michigan, at 9:00 a.m.
- Public Education & Consumer Participation – November 10 at OSA.

Chairperson Farmer thanked the Detroit Wayne County Long-Term Care Connection for hosting the meeting and for their generosity for providing lunch and special treats. The next meeting Commission is November 24, 2008, from 10:00-4:00 p.m., in Lansing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.